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§14–3A–01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Catastrophic health emergency” means a situation in which extensive loss of life or serious disability is threatened imminently because of exposure to a deadly agent.
- (c) “Deadly agent” means:
  - (1) anthrax, ebola, plague, smallpox, tularemia, or other bacterial, fungal, rickettsial, or viral agent, biological toxin, or other biological agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability;
  - (2) mustard gas, nerve gas, or other chemical agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability; or
  - (3) radiation at levels capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability.
- (d) “Exposure to a deadly agent” means a threat to human health caused by the release, distribution, or transmission of a deadly agent in:
  - (1) this State; or
  - (2) another jurisdiction because of movement into the State of the deadly agent or of individuals exposed to the deadly agent.
- (e) “Health care provider” means:
  - (1) a health care facility as defined in § 19–114(d)(1) of the Health – General Article;
  - (2) a health care practitioner as defined in § 19–114(e) of the Health – General Article; and
  - (3) an individual licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider under § 13–516 of the Education Article.
- (f) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health.

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